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## New Look to Currents

After 48 issues, the Little River *Currents* is looking a little different for October of 2008. The format has been reduced in size from the original one by approximately 5 inches. While it is smaller physically, we've kept the content approximately the same with stories, pictures, ads, department updates, family news and membership information. The information that you depend upon through your *Currents* is still there...just in a slightly smaller format.

If you compare this issue with previous issues, you will see that we've tightened up the paper with less white space, smaller and leaner graphics and slightly narrower margins.

The reason for the change is economic! We can actually save some tribal money by printing with this smaller size. The savings are both in printing cost and in mailing costs.

In addition, we have a lot of members who are now just reading their *Currents* on-line via the Internet. Many of you have contacted us to opt out of receiving a paper issue of the paper and you are encouraged to consider this option by viewing the paper on the website [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com). Just contact the Office of Public Affairs and we'll handle the details.

## Fall Membership Meeting

The Fall LRBOI Membership Meeting 08 will be held on September 27th at the Makwa Endaat Entertainment Center at the Little River Casino Resort. Registration begins at 8 a.m. out near the Winter Garden. The official meeting opens at 10 a.m. with a flag ceremony and prayer. The Ogema will have his Meet-N-Greet on Friday evening as this has become an important and popular part of the meeting time.

## LRBOI Officers Award



Two of the Tribal Police Officers (CORA Enforcement) came to the rescue of some sport fishermen earlier this year in the waters of Lake Michigan. They exhibited wonderful training, ability and courage as they pulled fishers off of a sinking boat and then rescued two more from the water. Read about their award on page 3.

## Patterns of Life –

## Our People, Our Journey™

In 1993 the Tribe had an ethno-historical report prepared by James McClurken and presented to Congress to provide the historic context of our status with the US Government. That ethno-history has been 'in the work's' for a number of years to recast it as a book depicting the history of our people from the early 1600's. At long last, the book is near completion. Read the report from Tribal Historical Preservation on page 25.



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Aanii,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and ready for fall. I am writing this on September 4<sup>th</sup>, and am not sure if you will be reading this before or after the Fall Membership Meeting.

Our efforts toward a Muskegon Casino are moving forward at a good pace. The properties have been purchased and environmental studies have been done on them. Support from the local community remains strong. Our hopes are to have a casino up and running in 2 – 3 years. We also understand that there are numerous hoops to jump through and delays can be expected, but we believe we can keep them to a minimum.

We have been working on implementing the driving policy and getting information together for some type of time clock system for government employees.



## *Gun Lake delayed again!*

According to the Associated Press, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals issued an stay on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August preventing a proposed tribal casino from being build in Allegan County by the Gun Lake Band.

The order is pending a potential review from the U.S. Supreme Court. Opponents of the casino have asked the high court to hear the case. The Gun Lake Band wants to build a \$200 million dollar casino in Wayland Township which is in Allegan County South of Grand Rapids.

A group called Michigan Gambling Opposition has spent years trying to stop the casino. Earlier this year, the appeals court sided with the tribe, upholding a decision by the federal government to set aside 147 acres of land where the casino would be built.

My efforts to improve communication still need work. It is still my hopes to use the Rapid River News, and the Ogema sections of our LRBOI website to get information out to the membership in a timely manner, but I have yet to be able to do it on a weekly basis as I had hoped to do. We may have it fixed by the time you read this.

I do believe I have had some successes with some areas of communication. I regularly attend Tribal Council meetings, every other Wednesday, and Elders meetings on a monthly basis, my Friday night "Meet & Greet" Meetings before membership meetings are very well attended. I have had a monthly article in the currents on a regular basis, now if we can get the web changing weekly, it will help significantly.

Our Tribal History book, "Our People, Our Journey" went to press on August 26, 2008. We have ordered enough books so every member can receive a copy plus additional copies to sell.

Unfortunately, I believe I just received notice that it will be March when the books are ready for distribution, I will keep you posted. Until next month....

Ogema Romanelli,

REMEMBER – "5 out of 4 people have trouble with fractions"

## *Attention all Tribal Members*

If you are interested in joining any of the following Commissions or Committees please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office with a copy going to the Tribal Council.

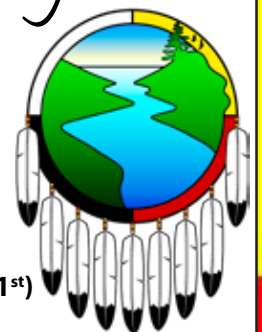
2 seats – Commerce Commission  
2 seats – Gaming Commission  
1 seat – Health Commission  
2 seats – Binojeeuk

## *Government Closes for the following Holidays*

- \*New Years Day
- \*Treaty Recognition Day
- \*Memorial Day
- \*Independence Day
- \*Labor Day
- \*Reaffirmation Day (September 21<sup>st</sup>)
- \*Veteran's Day
- \*Thanksgiving Day
- \*Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- \*Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- \*Christmas Day

Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety. Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first if you are not sure.

Just use the toll-free number of 888.723.8288.







# Public Safety

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## *Tribal Officers receive Life Saving Award*

Two of the tribe's Public Safety Officers, Sgt. Mark Szynski and Officer Mike Brown, received Life Saving Awards from Ogema Larry Romanelli and Public Safety Director Joseph LaPorte in a ceremony held August 14, 2008 at the Tribal Justice Center on M-22.

The awards came about as a result of the actions of the two CORA Conservation Officers while they were on patrol in waters off of Manistee. While checking tribal nets, the officers overheard a distress call from a charter boat that was taking on water. After checking the boat's relative positions, Sgt. Szynski realized they were only a few miles away from the sinking boat. He immediately made the decision to go to the rescue. In his words, "I got the boat up to about 35 mph and that's all the faster I could go in the 4-6 foot swells. We were airborne most of the way!"

Upon arrival they found the fishing boat to be taking on water and they pulled three people from the bow onto the tribes' S.A.F.E. boat. While affecting the rescue, Officer Brown noticed that two of the boaters did not have their life preservers on and kept trying to convince them to put on the preservers. As this



was going on the boat finally swamped and threw the remaining two fishermen into the water; one with his vest only partially attached so that it was actually gathering around his neck and strangling him. Szynski immediately reacted and brought the S.A.F.E. boat around where Officer Brown could physically haul the fishermen onto the bow of the tribal boat and save their lives.

Sgt Szynski said that, "...if they had been in the (icy) waters of Lake Michigan 30 more seconds they would not have survived.

The Tribal Officers immediately did an evaluation of the fishermen who fortunately were not seriously injured.

Approximately 10 minutes after the rescue, U.S. Coast Guard and Sheriff's Patrol boats arrived on the scene. Given the roughness of the water and the relatively good condition of the fishermen, the decision was made to not try and transfer them to the Coast Guard boat but to have the tribal S.A.F.E. boat bring them safely into harbor.

The Coast Guard arranged for the swamped boat to be towed into Manistee. In speaking at the ceremony, Ogema Romanelli said that, "We are all exceptionally proud of your actions." Director LaPorte commented that he, "...was pleased that the tribe has a good working relationship with the Coast Guard and could go ahead and quickly respond in a crisis to save lives." LaPorte added, "Unfortunately our relationship with the county does not allow us to respond unless we are dispatched by the county or Michigan State Police. On land, the way it is now, we could not have been dispatched in time to save lives.



## *New Election for GTB Chairman*

An improper censure of candidate Derek Bailey prompted the Tribal Court of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to invalidate the recent election of Bob Kewaygoshkum to another term as Chairman.

The Court ruled that the band's election board improperly censured challenger Derek Bailey. Bailey challenged the election results which had him lose to Kewaygoshkum by 23 votes. The challenge was based on an emergency meeting of the Election Board two days before the election and the subsequent e-mail censure of Bailey

for allegedly using his tribal computer to visit his campaign website.

The court issue the following statement, "Although the Election Board found no violations of the 2008 Election Regulations (by Bailey), it appears the Board did not like what Bailey had done, and therefore chose to 'go the extra mile' by censuring him for alleged violation of government policies, which is far outside the scope of the authority granted to the Election Board under the Constitution."

Bailey said that the decision is historically significant and should ensure that tribal members who seek election will be treated in a fair, consistent manner. "The integrity of our electoral process was questioned, and by taking this matter in front of the full judiciary committee, we now have established that there were

violations of the election regulations by the election board." Bailey added, "In do so, we set now a good precedent in 2008 to carry us forward in our future elections, and that I'm proud of."

Kewaygoshkum said he's ready to move past the long-pending election dispute. "I'm just glad it's moving forward. We'll have another vote and hopefully we'll have the same results.

This decision does not impact the other three tribal council seats decided at the election. No date has been set for the new election.

## *The Tribe and Emergency Planning*

Chances are good that every day you will hear some story dealing with the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, Emergency Management or Terrorism.

The question arises just if and where does the Tribe fit into this whole subject of Emergency Planning and Emergency Management.

To answer this, you have to understand just what "Emergency" means. Everybody immediately thinks of the threat of terrorism or big bombs and forgets hurricanes, blizzards, massive power outages, tornados and pandemic disasters. Understanding this picture means understanding the overall relationship of the Tribe, the Federal Government, Homeland Security and FEMA.

As this article is being written, Hurricane Gustav is making way through the Gulf Coast states with a lot of damage. A few months ago, a devastating windstorm cut through Mason and Manistee Counties (LRBOI reservation lands) with serious damage to roads, infrastructure and services. These are all Emergencies that demonstrate the subject isn't just about terrorism. People and organizations that are part of the emergency response system (DHS/ FEMA) are in place to assist with helping people during these incidents. LRBOI is a member of this group.

As a sovereign dependent nation (Tribal Nation), LRBOI is part of Region 5 of the Michigan Homeland Security organization along with the Grand Traverse Bay Band and the Little Traverse Bay Band.

Members of 'Emergency Management'

groups such as Region 5 are available to assist each other if and when they are needed. To better work together we have signed Memorandums of Assistance to make it legal.

Tribal assets are part of the local and regional asset lists to be called upon if needed in the region. Some of our departments and people are also part of it, for example, the Tribal Health Department with medical personnel; the Family Services Department with counseling help; the Natural Resources Department with its boats and naturalists; the Public Safety Department with law enforcement assets to yes, even the Office of Public Affairs with the only trained Public Information Officer in the area to be called upon.

The Casino Resort is identified as a shelter evacuation site. The Casino is the largest and best equipped complex in the area. It's also the only big facility with backup power and food and supplies for thousands in the event of a disaster. During the windstorm, people safely sheltered at the Casino.

What is described here is just the tip of the iceberg as this is a very complex subject and organization. Imagine coordinating thousands of people and assets after a tornado went through a housing area with hundreds of deaths and injuries. Assets and people will be called in not just locally, but over a wide region to save lives and protect tribal property.

Examining the challenges and getting the tribe included as part of the DHS/FEMA is complex. By Executive Order, and with the full support of the last three Ogemak for LRBOI and the Tribal Council,

a group called the Tribal Emergency Planning Committee addresses the issues and painstakingly works to make the Tribe compliant with being a part of an emergency solution. This compliance is also necessary for us to continue to receive grants from the federal government.

The TEPC is a volunteer group, run by people with various Emergency Management skills, knowledge, and abilities. Every day, people in this group, in addition to their regular duties, work on plans, procedures, and processes that will make our Tribe and its people and assets safer if an incident were to occur.

The work is never done in this area, but you should be proud of the TEPC members and actions done to protect our people and lands. *(article by Glenn Zaring, Chairman, TEPC)*





## *Tax-Exempt Purchases at Little River Trading Post*

Cigarette limit is 20 packs per month when tax-exempt quota is available

Tribal members are responsible for staying within this limit. Failure to stay within the limit will result in assessment of tax due plus suspension of tax-exempt purchase privileges until assessed taxes are paid.

### **PROCEDURES TO BE USED WHEN PURCHASING TAX-EXEMPT FUEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Payment for all tax-exempt fuel purchases must be made inside the gas station **AFTER** fuel has been pumped. Tribal members **SHOULD NOT** pay for fuel at the pump.

After pumping the desired amount of gas, proceed inside the station and inform the attendant on duty that you are a Little River Band member and are eligible for a tax exemption on your gasoline purchase.

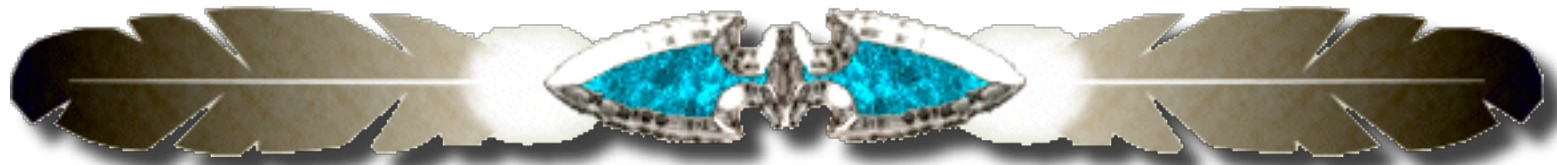
Present your Little River Band picture I.D. card to the attendant for verification. They are required to take your I.D. card to verify the name, number, and picture. They cannot give you the discount if you won't allow them to take your card.

The attendant shall verify that the person pictured on the Little River Band picture I.D. card is the person attempting to purchase tax-exempt fuel.

The attendant may ask for additional identification to verify the identity of the person attempting to purchase tax-exempt fuel.

The attendant will ask you to complete the "Log of tax-exempt sales". You must enter the date, your Tribal I.D. number, signature, license plate number and number of gallons purchased. Refusal to provide this information will result in denial of your tax exemption.

Tribal members may **NOT** purchase fuel for a non-Tribal member's use. Doing so will result in suspension of your tax-exempt purchase privileges. Additional penalties may also be assessed as outlined in the Motor Fuel Regulations.



## *Michigan Supreme Court seeks Tribal involvement in Court Improvement Program*

The Michigan Supreme Court, Child Welfare Division's Court Improvement Program is developing and putting into place an Indian Child Welfare Committee to work specifically on Michigan's compliance with the Indian Welfare Act. The Court Improvement Program is a federally funded initiative to improve the court systems handling of child welfare cases and foster care matters. This committee will draw upon the knowledge, experiences and perspective of Michigan's Indian Tribes. This effort is also by design directed to enhancement of communications between the Tribal courts, state courts and the Department Human Services and private contract agencies. The Little River Band of Ottawa will be represented in this effort by Judge Angela Sherigan, Tribal Prosecutor Gene Zeller and Family Services Director, Bill Memberto.





# ABOUT THE DURANT ROLL

## Part II

This segment of the article “About the Durant Roll” from last month’s newsletter will continue the story of what the Durant Roll is and how it affects the lives of so many Nishinabe families. This segment will focus on why Durant used the 1870 Ottawa and Chippewa Annuity with an explanation of the manner and method used to compile the Field Notes. He began his task with very little information and built an Indian genealogy document that is still being used a hundred years after he completed his work. His task was to prepare a list of all living descendants of the Ottawa & Chippewa Indians who were eligible to receive per capita payments for a court settlement.

Durant received pre-printed work sheets which he used to list his evidence of Indian ancestry. Those work sheets are called the Durant Field notes. They are of immense value to anyone researching Indian genealogies in Michigan. Each printed work sheet contains a heading entitled “Ottawas and Chippewas of Michigan” with a place for the Band affiliation (Grand River, Little Traverse, Grand Traverse etc.) and a line for the chief of the Band.

### THE 1870 OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA ROLL

Agent Durant and his predecessor Agent McNichol used the 1870 Ottawa and Chippewa Annuity Roll as a base for the structuring of what is now called the Durant Field Notes. In 1908, the 1870 Ottawa and Chippewa Annuity was the last annuity payment for the 1855 Treaty that the Bureau of Indian Affairs could locate in Washington D.C. This meant that the agents hired to prepare the roll of eligible persons who were living in 1907 were working with a roll that was already 37 years old.

The only information available to Durant on the original 1870 roll was the number of men, women and children who were paid under that annuitant. Durant used those numbers as a guideline to determine how many children the head of a particular family would have had in 1870. For example, on page 61a, under #1, Chief Naw gaw ne quo ung is number 10, May yaw o bay or Peter Espiew. On the Durant Field Note May yaw o bay or Peter Espiew is listed as Field Note # 10 - 61a. May yaw o bay or Peter Espiew is the 10th person

or head of household listed under Chief Naw gaw ne quo ung on page 61a of the 1870 Annuity.

May yaw o bay or Peter Espiew was paid for 1 Man, 1 Woman and 1 Child for a total of 3 people in his household. When Durant was preparing his Field Notes he noticed that some Chiefs of small bands such as Nawgaw ne quo ung’s Band were grouped together on one page and to clarify this, he listed the Bands as 61a being the first Band on page 61 of the annuity and 61b as the second Band. See the picture of the 1870 Ottawa and Chippewa Annuity Roll, page 61a, Chief Naw gaw ne quo ung’s Band of 16 heads of household.

### COMPILING THE FIELD NOTES

On the actual individual work sheets or field notes, Durant listed the head of each family [taken from the 1870 roll] and beside his name was a place marked for “No.” and “Page.” Peter Espiew’s Field Note lists him as No. 10 and page – 61. On many of the Field Notes the number paid for that household will be listed in the blank areas. Peter’s would have been written as 1 – 1 – 1 – 3 had it been written on the page. Again, this demonstrates what little information he had to accomplish the roll of living descendants.

Under that section of the form in which Durant filled in the “Head of family,” there was a place for him to note the age and P.O. address of that person. Under that section, May yaw o bay or Peter Espiew was written with his age listed as 72 and a notation that he was residing at P.O. (Post Office) Freesoil, Michigan in 1908.

Next, there was also a place to write the names of the first wife and second wife along with their ages and their P.O. addresses. Under Peter’s first wife, Durant drew a line where the name could be written and wrote a notation 7 – 59 by the P.O. This was a cross reference for him to be able to look back at Field Note 7 – 59 for additional information regarding Peter’s first wife. His second wife Lizzie Chaw shaw waw nay beece is listed with no age or P.O. address. There are some errors and omissions involved in Durant’s work and this example reveals one of many. The Field Note 7 – 59 is for his second wife’s family, not his first wife. There is no additional information for his first wife.

Five children are then listed:

Jane Coon – by the first wife, Laura, wife of Chas Theodore, Edward Espiew, Elmer Espiew and Janet Battice, wife of James by the second wife. Their husband’s names and the names of their children are noted along with their ages and P.O. addresses. Beginning with Peter, then his children and finally his grandchildren the Field Note represents three generations of genealogy from 132 years ago.

Often times, the head of house hold may be referred back to parents on the Field Notes, which provides genealogy information from 150 to 160 years ago.

### CROSS REFERENCES IN- THE FIELD NOTES

When a spouse of the head of a particular family was noted with another number and page listed beside his or her name, it signaled Durant to look under that other number and page to see if he had already compiled a list of that couple’s children under the other parent’s name, or if he may have listed the children of a previous marriage. For example:

Laura Espiew’s husband, Chas Theodore has a note to “see 27/59 and 2/54.” By cross checking this number, we can see that he was enrolled per the Durant Field notes under the Band on page 27- 59 under his Mother’s family. He also was separated from Angeline Shayganaby of Field Note 2/54.

So, as you can see, this cross referencing is helpful to determine who married within each band, who married a person from another Band, and who may have married another Indian.

### WHERE DID DURANT OBTAIN HIS INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAMILIES?

Where did Durant obtain his information about the families? Clearly, Peter Espiew is listed as having only one child on the 1870 Ottawa and Chippewa Annuity and on Field Note 10 – 61 he is listed as having five children. In terms of age, you will note that the four younger children were of an age to be born between the years 1882 to 1907 and would not have appeared on the 1870 Ottawa and Chippewa Annuity Roll. How did Durant know that information about Peter Espiew and his family or any of the other Indian families?



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Durant did not know the Ottawa and Chippewa families when he began his job to compile a list of living descendants. He did not use the local court house records or church records to determine names, ages, marriage information or death dates as he filled out his field notes. From his voluminous correspondence to the BIA office in Washington, it is apparent he did not receive any information from that office to help compile the information other than a copy of the 1870 annuity.

As he moved through the state of Michigan along Lake Michigan, he met with leaders and elders of each band in their Indian community and obtained information from them. Instructions for his job came from Acting BIA Commissioner Larrabee which included the following:

*When the Indians are found to be living in tribal relation, the certificate of the chief or head men of a band is to be accepted by you as prima facie evidence of the right to enrollment of any Indian belonging to said band; and you will therefore enroll all such members should you be satisfied as to the integrity and trustworthiness of the chief or head men. In cases where you have reason to doubt their integrity, etc., you should obtain such additional evidence as may be available.*

*The method or plan to be followed by you in tracing families and individual members of the tribe who may have removed from the Indian communities, must, of course, be left largely to your judgment and discretion. The Office desires, however, that wherever possible you should go to the camps, settlements or homes of the Indians, wherever they may be found, and make your enrollment on the ground rather than to remain at some small town near the Indian settlement and send for*

*No doubt you will find in each Indian community some trustworthy old member of the tribe who is especially well versed in its genealogy and able to give you considerable help in contested or doubtful cases. (NARG75, M2039, R4, 588-591, Commissioner Larrabee to Durant, 22 July 1908)*

### DURANT TALKS WITH ELDERS AND LEADERS FROM LITTLE RIVER BANDS

As Durant moved from location to location, and from one Indian Band to another, his progress can be tracked from the comments he made on the left hand corner of many of the pages of his field notes or on his cover sheets for various bands. These comments often note the date the information was collected and the location where it was obtained. For example, on the Field Note cover for page 61a, Chief Naw gaw ne quo ung's Band it states:

*Information of families on 1870 Roll as given on Grand River Sheets of the Grand River Band of Ottawa and Chippewas, obtained from the following names members of that band all being present, viz:*

*John Wahbindwetta*

*Henry Bailey*

*Charles Hickey*

*Sampson Robinson*

*Charles Generaux*

*Joe Cogswell, Interpreter*

*James J. Cogswell, Interpreter*

*Joe Kequom, Interpreter*

*Horace B. Durant, Spl. In. Agent*

*Custer, Mich. Feby 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20*

*Also at later date at Fountain*

By 1909 Durant's work sheets are actually altered to include the printed words "Place" and "Date" to give him a specific place to record this information. They were then altered again in later years to include the printed words "Information from" so that he had a clear place to record the source of his information.

### THE FIELD NOTES DO

### CONTAIN SOME ERRORS

People who work with the Michigan Tribes on a regular basis know that there are many errors and omissions in the Durant Field notes. Remember, Durant was hired as a Special agent to prepare a roll of living descendants. He was not hired to provide actual evidence of ancestry, or to compile detailed information about deceased persons. His job was to find the living ancestors of those paid in 1870 and he developed and used the Field Note method to help him track the various families. He obtained his information from various chiefs and head men at each location. So, if he was told by the band's representatives that a person was deceased, he did no further research. It is also clear that he generally listed the residence of various people based upon the information he received from those Indian people who were living in the geographic location where he conducted his interviews. There was no follow up research.



### NEXT MONTH

*The next segment of this article will focus on the finished Durant Roll with the famous red and blue check marks and the subsequent payment of the living descendants of the Ottawa and Chippewa eligible to receive payment.*



By Barbara Madison, 2008



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**Durant Field Note 10-61a**

### Peter Espiew - His Children & His Grandchildren

*Indians*

**OTTAWAS AND CHIPPAWAS of MICHIGAN**

Band Grand River No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief 14 F John Expier No. 14  
Head of family 1 - Mary - you - a - log No. 10 P. 61  
Age 72 P. O. Therail  
1st wife Age \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. 7/29  
2nd wife Lizzie blue - blue - Mary Age \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. \_\_\_\_\_

Children 1 John Age 39 P. O. Therail  
by 1st wife John Age \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. John W. Com  
Husband John Age 47 P. O. Therail  
Children 1 John Age 19 P. O. \_\_\_\_\_  
2 John Age 17 P. O. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 John Age 9 P. O. \_\_\_\_\_  
4 John Age 7 P. O. \_\_\_\_\_  
5 John Age 5 P. O. \_\_\_\_\_  
6 John Age \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. from Dec. 1, 1907  
7 John Age 21 P. O. Therail  
Wife Age \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. \_\_\_\_\_  
Husband John Age 26 P. O. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children 1 John Age \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Note (applicable to all General River Sheets)

Information of families on 1970 Rose  
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## Preparing for Increase in Energy Bills

According to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association NEADA, the cost to heat homes this winter will increase by 15%. The average heating cost for a home will be approximately \$1114, when the previous year it was \$972. The highest increases are to homes that heat with heating oil. The projected increase to heating oil for the winter season has increased to \$2,593 with natural gas at \$978, propane at \$1,967 and electricity at \$875. (LIHEAP networker LIHEAP Clearing House Number 67)

Each year the National Fuel and Funds Network (NFFN) and National Low Income Energy Consortium (NLIEC) convene the National Energy and Utility Affordability Conference. The conference is the largest gathering that addresses the need for affordable energy for low income households. The conference presents information and has many guest speakers who touch on energy issues as it relates to conservation, research, production, legislation, funding sources, programs and the main topic of address the needs of low income households who face health and safety concerns as a result of inability to pay the high costs of their utility.

This year the NFFN and NLIEC organized workshops specifically designated for Tribes. They proved beneficial in networking with other tribes and discussing important topics that affect Tribal communities. In attendance at this conference are major utility vendors, non-profit energy assistance organizations such as Salvation Army, Tribes, State and Washington D.C. Officials. Within the U.S. Office of Community Services is the Division of Energy Assistance whose responsibility is to provide procedure and guidance in the administration of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grants. Representatives from this office attend the conference and provide information on federal funding levels, program updates and legislation that may affect programs. This is an annual conference that your LRBOI Members Assistance Department attends to keep informed on energy topics that affect tribal program administration and funding.

Annually the Tribe applies for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant. These funds are appropriated at the federal level and allocated to states. Within the amount allocated to the states is a portion designated specifically to Tribes. Tribes can choose to apply and administer this program under their own policy and procedures so long

as they are in compliance with the grant requirements that govern the program.

The process of a tribe applying for this funding ensures that the funds designated for the tribe will benefit its members. Otherwise the funds are administered through local Department of Health and Human Service Offices (DHS) under state rules and guidelines. The LRBOI Members Assistance Department has administered this grant since 2003, prior to that it was administered in the Tribal Housing Department. At least 100 households in the 9 County service areas are assisted through this program on an annual basis. The LIHEAP funding cycle is October 1st through September 30th. During the funding cycle outreach efforts to low income households include program information in the Little River Currents, mailings to specific groups and referrals from outside agencies. The tribe also provides a tribal funded program called the Low Income Energy Program. The program assists members residing throughout the United States. In 2007 the Low Income Energy Assistance program assisted 247 households and the LIHEAP program assisted 114 households. Many of these households continue to be affected by the weak economy, lack of jobs and increase in cost of living expenses. The households utilized the Tribe's assistance or LIHEAP as their only recourse for assistance due to state and local non-profit agency exhausting their funding early in the heating season or they may not have met eligibility requirements. This year low income households with energy bills associated with heat sources were assisted throughout the summer season, this is an indication that households continue to have difficulty in paying high energy bills as a result of increasing energy costs.

There are steps your household can take in preparation for the heating season. By reviewing previous heating bills to establish an estimate of what your monthly bills were last year and adding an additional 15% to 20% may give you an estimate of the amount to budget for this heating season.

Weatherizing your home for the onset of winter may help in reducing your heat bills as well. Caulking, window insulation kits and weather stripping is the most cost effective means for sealing air leaks to reduce heat loss. This may cut your energy bills by as much as 30%. For more information on weatherizing your home you can contact your local housing authority, visit a building supply or hardware store for tips and products or surf the web for

weatherizing techniques and instruction. Your utility vendor can provide this information as well.

Your utility vendor may be of assistance in the event you cannot afford to pay your utility bills. Utility providers such as DTE have programs to assist customers with paying their bills. There are programs specific to the needs of the household depending on household income from payment programs, budget plans, credit counseling, low income weatherization and winter protection plans. It is important to contact your utility vendor or assistance agency before a shut off is issued. Advanced notice gives agencies the opportunity to research options such as a payment plan offered by the utility company or referral to assistance agencies in your area. For many a budget plan works best because it spreads out future bills over a specified period and you pay this amount each month. If heat utilities are going to adversely affect your household this winter it is recommended to contact your utility company to discuss payment options that you may be eligible to access. The Members Assistance Department works in conjunction with outside agencies when providing assistance and in many cases any reconnect fees may be waived or service restored in less time.

Energy costs continue to increase and will be felt by every household. It is important to take action to minimize energy costs where we can. Research and implement cost effective energy savings tips such as weatherizing your home by caulking, window insulating and weather stripping to reduce your energy bills. The LIHEAP and Low Income Energy Assistance programs are available to assist households with the low income and the high energy burden and gives priority to those households with disabled, young children and elders. For further information about these programs, contact the Members Assistance Department at toll free 888-723-8288.

Lee A. Iverson

Members Assistance Coordinator

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



## Members Assistance Department Current Assistance Programs

Programs are available in ALL STATES with the exception of the grant funded programs as noted in program listing.

### **\*Food Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. **Assistance is available in all states.** If you are receiving food assistance from another agency, please verify with agency to ensure accessing this program will not affect your benefits. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Amount of assistance: \$300.00 per year; per household.

### **\*Low Income Energy Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance may be accessed once per year up to maximum amount not to exceed \$300. **Assistance is available in all states.** Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Received a shut off notice from utility vendor
- Received a denial from an outside agency for utility assistance
- Amount of assistance: \$300.00 per year; per household.

## Members Assistance Program Income Guidelines

### LRBOI Program Income Criteria

Family Size	175% FPIG	3 Mth. Income
1	\$ 18,200.00	\$4,550
2	\$ 24,500.00	\$6,125
3	\$ 30,800.00	\$7,700
4	\$ 37,100.00	\$9,275
5	\$ 43,400.00	\$10,850
6	\$ 56,000.00	\$14,000
7	\$ 62,300.00	\$15,575
8	\$ 68,600.00	\$17,150



Federal Income Guideline provided by: Federal Register Part V. Department of Health and Human Services Dated January 23, 2008

### **HOUSEHOLD INCOME- (Tribally funded programs)** – Household income eligibility

determination is based on three (3) months income prior to application. Applicant must

provide proof of income for three months. Applicant and/or permanent household member shall complete the zero income form for periods within the three months where there is no income generated. Income requirement includes all individuals in household age 18 and older.

\*Program can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government. This information must be on file with the Enrollment Department.

~THE FOLLOWING ARE GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THE NINE COUNTY SERVICE AREAS OF MICHIGAN~

### **\*LIHEAP**

### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (Heat Source – Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)**

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

- Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.
- Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents of young children.

-Eligible if someone in the household is receiving SSI benefits or are receiving Food Stamps

**FY2009 Plan has been submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services. If approved this plan will provide a broader scope of assistance to our Tribal Elders by implementing an income deduction and providing assistance during the cooling season where energy costs increase due to a medical requirement for air conditioning in the home during the summer months between May 1 and September 30 2009. We will have more information available in the next news letter.**



## Well and Septic Program

The Well and Septic is an Indian Health Services (IHS) funded program. This program promotes health and safety for our tribal members by providing new or renovated sanitation facilities (Well and Septic). This program is available in the nine county service areas. Applicant must be:

- Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
- Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
- Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member's name.
- Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.

A complete application and the supporting documents must be submitted in order to process assistance request in a timely manner. Supporting documents are listed on the cover page of the application.

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for program information and/or to request an application. Applications and Program Regulations are available online at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com) Members Assistance link

## Other Services:

- Referral assistance in finding assistance organizations and/or agencies to assist with needs that are not readily available or provided through tribal programs.
- Interdepartmental Referral Services that provided interdepartmental coordination and collaboration with tribal service departments when assisting members.
- Per Capita Information & Distribution Coordination for payments.



**Lee A. Ivinson – Members Assistance Coordinator**

**Amber Moore – Intake Clerk**

**Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk**

**Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288**



## Direct Deposit of Per Capita Payments

Direct Deposit it is safe, it's quick and it's convenient! As a service to the membership the Tribe has direct deposit available for Per Capita payments.

What are the benefits of direct deposit?

- ☐ Through direct deposit the funds are available the date of the per capita disbursement.
- ☐ It is one less thing to worry about because it is the safest way to receive your payment.
- ☐ It is an easier and more convenient way to receive your payment.
- ☐ There are no checks to be lost or stolen.
- ☐ It saves the cost incurred due to a stop payment and reissue in the event a check is lost or stolen.
- ☐ If you are not able to make it to the bank to cash a check, you will receive the payment safely in your bank account through direct deposit.
- ☐ If you move, you have access to the payment through a bank debit/credit card. (Address must remain up to date with Enrollment Department to receive payment)

If you would like more information about direct deposit contact your bank. It truly is a convenient service that is safe, secure and saves time. If you would like a direct deposit form mailed to you please contact the Members Assistance Department by calling 888-723-8288.

The form must be received 30 days prior to a disbursement. Forms received after this period may receive direct deposit the following quarter. Distributions are scheduled to be made on the first day of each fiscal quarter. (January, April, July, October)

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Lee A. Ivinson ~ Members Assistance Coordinator



# Niibin Youth Camp a Success

*Binaakwe-Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)*

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The second session of the Niibin youth camp was held August 4-15, 2008. The weather was perfect for learning and outdoor activities. In total, over 60 children attended camp this year. The focus was on healthy eating and the importance of staying active. The children learned how to determine nutrition needs, portion size, healthy snacks, the importance of eating breakfast, eating a variety of foods and moderation. The games focused on staying active and having fun while getting exercise.

Nutritious foods were provided for snacks and breakfast and lunch were provided through the Manistee Area Public Schools



summer food program. United Way of Manistee County supported the camp with a generous grant. Manistee Recreation Association allowed us to borrow equipment for activities. The children really enjoyed the parachute games.

Other departments assisted in making the camp successful. Ben Hamilton and the maintenance department kept the pow-wow grounds clean, and natural resources provided ice to keep the food and juices cold. Natural resources staff took the children on a nature walk at High Bridge area and maintenance staff helped with making snow snakes. Tribal police talked with the children about safety and brought Brit, the police dog.

The children had a week of swimming lessons and water safety.

They also learned traditional baseball. The children learned about games they could play all year long. We will be following up with the children throughout the year and hope to have other activities this fall and winter. We look forward to seeing all the children again.





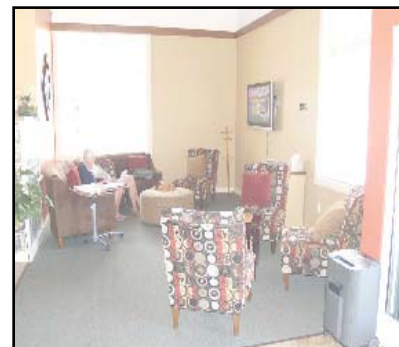


The Grounds Deli at 129 Washington Street is little over 10 months old and is going strong. It was the first upscale deli to come into being on the North end and it has been a welcome addition for residents and visitors alike.

Owned by LRBOI sisters Gail Zavada and Patti Janoiwak, the deli offers not only a delicious and varied menu, but it is a meeting place for North-end residents with a cybercafé setting and even a place to sit back, relax and catch a little TV.

Plus, they have special events that are a delight for everyone. On the calendar in October are Open Mike nights on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m.; Scrabble night on the 22<sup>nd</sup>; Shop with a Cop from noon to 9 on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 'Trick or Treat' on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

While you're there, pick up a take-out menu and see what else is in store for the rest of the year.



## LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AWARDS

### WHEEL OF FORTUNE MEGAJACKPOT



(Manistee, MI – September 6, 2008)  
– Helen F. won \$184,116 when she hit a Wheel of Fortune® quarters MegaJackpot® at the Little River Casino Resort on Friday, September 5th. The winner, a retiree from Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, said she was visiting Michigan and “going to various casinos” in her travels. Helen went on to say that she chose the winning machine because she is a “regular player of Wheel of Fortune®.” After investing only fifty dollars, the MegaJackpot® winner commented that she was surprised “at the quick win” because she had just started playing.

Friday's MegaJackpot® is the second be paid at the casino so far this year. Almost exactly two months ago, on July 9th, the casino paid a \$194,939 prize on the exact same system to a Fruit Port, Michigan woman. Last year, the casino paid two MegaJackpot® prizes totaling nearly \$700,000. In fact, in the last eight years, The Little River Casino has awarded eighteen MegaJackpots® totaling over \$7.6 million in prize money. Included in that impressive total, are two individual million dollar prizes; one jackpot for \$1.2 one million dollars, and one amazing \$1.8 million prize, both paid on the Wheel of Fortune® one-dollar progressive system. The casino belongs to a Native American progressive gaming network which includes over

three hundred tribal casinos in sixteen states nationwide. Each time a coin is played in a linked machine, anywhere in the network, the jackpot accumulates until some lucky winner hits the top jackpot award. Combined, Michigan casinos have now paid 169 MegaJackpot® prizes totaling over \$85 million since 1995. Including Friday's MegaJackpot® hit at Little River, Michigan casinos have paid 13 MegaJackpots® awarding \$3.4 million in prize money this year. The Wheel of Fortune® quarters progressive is one of the most popular systems in Native America, and features an exciting bonus spin that has come to be one of the favorite facets of the game for players and fans alike. Wheel of Fortune® has a starting jackpot of \$100,000. In order to win the MegaJackpot®, a player bets three quarters at a time while attempting to line up the Wheel of Fortune® reel symbols on the machine's payline. Currently the average jackpot for the Wheel of Fortune® quarters progressive system is around \$339,292. Wheel of Fortune® was developed by IGT (www.IGT.com), a global company specializing in the design, development, manufacturing, distribution and sales of computerized

gaming machines and systems products. All IGT MegaJackpot® top awards are paid in annual installments upon verification, except MegaJackpots Instant Winners Jackpots which are paid in their entirety upon verification. Contact: Holly Riker – ChitChat PR Rapid City, SD (605)390-7741 Email: hriker@chitchatpr.com © 2007 IGT. All rights reserved. “Wheel of Fortune” is a registered trademark of Califon Productions, Inc. “Wheel of Fortune” © 2007 Califon Productions, Inc. All Rights Reserved. “Jeopardy!” is a registered trademark of Jeopardy Productions, Inc. “Jeopardy!” © 2007 Jeopardy Productions, Inc. All Rights Reserved. ###

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## LRBOI Staff Invited Speaker to International Symposium

More than 1,600 fisheries scientists from around the world attended the American Fisheries Society (AFS) 138th Annual Meeting at the Ottawa Congress Centre and Westin Hotel, August 17-21, 2008. It included 36 organized symposia, more than 1,100 oral presentations, and over 220 poster presentations. Highlighting this international conference was a full day session, Wednesday August 20th/08, hosted by the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/OFRC) titled; "The Changing Role of First Nation/Tribal Communities in Fisheries Management". Each presentation had an average of 50 participants attending. Presenters were selected from across North America (including the Anishinabek Nation) representing native communities and fisheries organizations. A balance of traditional and scientific values was used to express the approach native communities have when managing their fisheries. The day began with a Sunrise Ceremony to welcome the new day and the participants.

Presentations included; Building Capacity Through Education for Resource Management, Community Based Fish Habitat Assessments, Community Fisheries in the Maritimes, Community Based Harvest in the Mackenzie Delta, Northwest Territories, Native Fisheries Management in P.E.I., Social Identity in Kwakwaka'wakw Clam Management, Changing Skies, Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre – A Cooperative Model for Fisheries Information, The Treatment of Native People in the Development of Canadian

Fishery Policy in the Great Lakes, Strategic Directions of a Rights Based Fishery, Lake Whitefish Assessment in the North Channel of Lake Huron, Nipissing First Nation and Lake Nipissing – Building and managing a Modern Commercial Fishery, Update on Wisconsin 1837 and 1842 Ceded Territory Inland Fisheries, Stewardship in the Big River and Knowledge Acquisition About Mature Lake Sturgeon.

LRBOI staff gave a presentation titled, "Merging Traditional and Biological Criteria in Nme (Sturgeon) Stewardship." The presentation highlighted the Tribe's sturgeon stewardship plan, streamside rearing facility project, and the Tribe's ability to collaboratively manage the fishery resources in Michigan. Specifically, the presentation detailed how the LRBOI Cultural Context Group (Tribal members and Governmental Staff) merged traditional and biological perspectives in their stewardship plan. The stewardship plan was unveiled at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sturgeon Release



*LRBOI Staff presenting at Symposium*

Ceremony, the plan guides the LRBOI sturgeon management for seven generations.

Each year the Annual Meeting serves as a platform for the international exchange on the latest advances in fisheries science and management for experts from over 70 countries. The LRBOI is committed to promoting Tribal fishery management perspectives and Tribal Treaty Rights at this forum.

Parts of this article taken from Anishinabek/Ontario Fishery Research Centre.



*Staff from the Anishinabek/Ontario Fishery Research Centre that organized the "Changing Role of First Nation/Tribal Communities in Fisheries Management" symposium.*





## *DNR Acts to Implement CWD Surveillance and Response Plan*

In the wake of the recent announcement that Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been confirmed in a three-year old privately-owned white-tailed deer in Kent County, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is acting immediately to implement provisions of the state's Surveillance and Response Plan for CWD.

Among the provisions is an immediate ban on all baiting and feeding of deer and elk in the Lower Peninsula. DNR conservation officers will step up surveillance and enforcement efforts on baiting. Baiting and feeding unnaturally congregate deer into close contact, thus increasing the transmission of contagious diseases such as CWD and bovine tuberculosis.

Bait and feed sites increase the likelihood that those areas will become contaminated with the feces of infected animals, making them a source of CWD infection for years to come.

Additionally, the provisions include a mandatory deer check for hunters who take a deer within Tyrone, Solon, Nelson, Sparta, Algoma, Courtland, Alpine, Plainfield, and Cannon townships, which contain the surveillance area or "hot zone." All hunters who take a deer during any deer hunting season this fall within the "hot zone" will be required to visit a DNR deer check station so that their deer can be tested for CWD.

The DNR currently is seeking locations for additional deer check stations in the area

to make it more convenient for hunters. To prevent unintentional spread of CWD, the only parts of deer harvested in the surveillance zone that will be allowed to be transported out will be boned meat, capes, and antlers cleaned of all soft tissues.

In addition, all transport of live wild deer, elk and moose will be prohibited statewide, including transport for rehabilitation purposes.

Currently, there is no live animal test for CWD, and infected animals often show no signs of illness for years in spite of being infectious for other animals. Movement for rehabilitation purposes may speed geographic spread of the disease.

The DNR will act immediately to test an additional 300 deer within the "hot zone" in Kent County. The DNR will be cooperating with local officials to collect fresh road-killed deer, and will be urging deer hunters participating in the early antlerless season on private land in September to comply with the mandatory deer check.

Landowners in Kent County "hot zone" who would like to obtain disease control permits to cull deer from their property and assist with the collection of deer for testing should contact the DNR's Wildlife Disease Lab at 517-336-5030. Permits will be available immediately upon request. Landowners who do not want to cull deer, but want to participate in the collection of deer for testing, can obtain assistance from the DNR in culling deer.

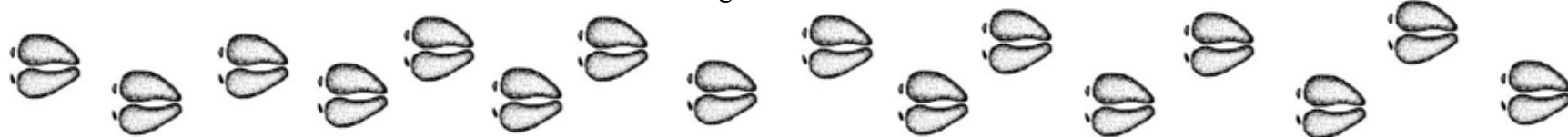
DNR officials reminded citizens that, to date, there is no evidence that CWD poses a risk to humans, nor has there been verified evidence that the disease can be transmitted to humans.

CWD is a fatal neurological disease that affects deer, elk and moose. Most cases of the disease have been in western states, but in the past several years, it has spread to Midwestern and eastern states. Infected animals display abnormal behaviors, loss of bodily functions and a progressive weight loss. Current evidence suggests that the disease is transmitted through infectious, self-multiplying proteins (prions).

Prions are normal cell proteins whose shape has been transformed, causing CWD. The disease is transmitted by exposure to saliva of infected animals. Susceptible animals can also acquire CWD by eating feces from an infected animal, or soil contaminated by them. Once contaminated, soil can remain a source of infection for many years, making CWD a particularly difficult disease to manage.

More information about CWD is available on the State of Michigan's Emerging Diseases Web site at [www.michigan.gov/chronicwastingdisease](http://www.michigan.gov/chronicwastingdisease).

LRBOI's Tribal Natural Resource Department serves as a deer check station for CWD. More information on CWD and baiting is available by calling the department at 231-723-1594 or 866-723-1594



## *Grants for Court awarded*

Grants Director Melissa Waitner announced that the Grants Department was notified in late August that the LRBOI Tribal Court has been awarded \$150,000 under the Tribal Court Assistance Program. This two year grant will provide a new court recording system, an evidentiary presentation system, card keys and related monitoring system for all entry doors and closed circuit TV monitoring system covering the interior and exterior doors, Entry Metal Detection System, a panic alarm system for the

courtroom, the cost of the renovation to install the above mentioned systems, gun locker, consultant services of a qualified safety/security person/firm to assess the safety needs of the Justice Center and lastly, training for court staff and for the project advisory team that is formed out of this grant. Most travel is required by the Department of Justice. This is an exciting opportunity for Tribal Court to beef up its security measures just as all other non-tribal courts have done.

Congratulations to Grant Writer Chuck Fisher for getting this grant for the tribe!

This grant is just one more leg in the plan to improve overall building security for tribal facilities and personnel. The Tribal Emergency Planning Committee is in the extensive process of establishing plans and procedures that will protect or tribal assets and people. See the related story in this issue of the **Currents**.

*(story by Glenn Zaring)*



## *LRBOI Natural Resources Department Hosts Michigan Tribal Environmental Group*

On August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> staff from the Natural Resources Department hosted a quarterly meeting of Tribal Environmental staff from around the state. Representatives from seven Tribes as well as Federal staff and non-governmental organizations were on site for two days of presentations and discussions of environmental issues pertinent to Tribal Treaty rights. Topics discussed included, air quality, water quality, Brownfield redevelopment, and EPA policy regarding Tribal jurisdiction.



*Tour of Air Monitoring Station*

LRBOI staff coordinated tours to our air monitoring station and to Tribal river restoration sites. This was a successful meeting and all in attendance appreciated the wonderful accommodations and dialogue.



*Tour of Manistee River Restoration Sites*

## *ATTENTION FISHERS AND FISH PROCESSORS Update on HACCP Training*

A seafood Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) certification training to be conducted by Michigan Sea Grant Agent Ron Kinnunen, Mike Erdman and Jim Thannum has been scheduled for December 9-11, 2008 at the Bay Mills Community College's Migizi Hall, 12214 W. Lakeshore Drive, Brimley. **The course cannot be held unless the class is full!**

The course is open to all fishers and fish processors. CORA-member tribal commercial fishers should contact their Natural Resource Departments for an available reservation for the course or the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA). The course fee (which includes training manuals) is \$90.00 per person.

The application deadline to CORA is **NOVEMBER 14, 2008**. This will allow the CORA staff time to determine whether or not the course will proceed as planned. So it is important if you are interested to contact your tribal Natural Resources Department or the CORA Office prior to November 14th.

Applications and course agenda are available now by contacting Jane TenEyck or Beverly Aikens at (906) 632-0043 or Ron Kinnunen at (906) 226-3687.

## *Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!*

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month!! The Family Service Department in coordination with all Tribal Members would like to "Paint the Town Purple"! We would like to show our support and spread awareness of Domestic

Violence by supporting the Domestic Violence National color, Purple. We will be giving out Purple Ribbons to Tribal Members wanting to participate, as the Purple Ribbons can be put on trees, fences, mailboxes, cars, front doors, etc. Several Tribal Buildings will be supporting

Domestic Violence Awareness month by having Purple



Ribbons displayed on their doors and the Bank Building located at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI, will feature a window exhibit.

If you would like to participate in the event, Purple Ribbons can be picked up at the Family Service Department located in the

Administration Building at

1762 US 31,

Manistee, MI and the

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Muskegon Office at

1101 West Hackley Muskegon, MI

beginning the week of September 29, 2008.

If you would like more information on Domestic Violence Awareness, call Denise Anderson at 231-398-6736 or Jamie Pike at 231-398-6727.







Food distribution Program ( FDPIR ) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodities to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the commodity food program and food stamp program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification.. In determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the commodity program.

## Food Distribution Program On Indian Reservations Net Monthly Income Standards

### Household Size

### Income Limits

1	\$ 985.00
2	\$ 1,275.00
3	\$ 1,565.00
4	\$ 1,864.00
5	\$ 2,178.00
6	\$ 2,492.00
7	\$ 2,782.00
8	\$ 3,972.00
9	

Office hours are 8:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M

Yvonne Theodore, George Lawrence, Laurie Jackson

1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program

Office numbers are 231-398-6715 or 231-398-6716

For each additional member add \$ 290.00

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford

## *Commodities Audit Success!*

One government department that does a lot for the membership is the Commodities Department, located on the North side of the Community Center in Manistee and led by Director Yvonne Theodore. This department is usually under the radar as they just quietly and efficiently do their job in helping to provide food items to the tribal members.

According to the latest audit report from August 20<sup>th</sup>, the LRBOI Commodities Department received comments of, "Fabulous Facility" and "Great Job Yvonne and Staff."

Congratulations to the department for great work and thanks to Council member Loretta Beccaria for bringing the audit report to the attention of the *Currents*. (article by Glenn Zaring)



# Peacemaking

*Binaakwe-Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)*

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## Odenaang Enjinoojimoying

“A Place of Healing Many Hearts”

### Peacemaking/ Probation Department

#### Program Update

1. The Department has moved into an active phase of networking with other agencies and programs.
2. We are looking at new ways to make our budget last longer and work for us.
3. We are continuing with the training objective for Peacemakers, and for the staff.
4. We have an ongoing Public Relations Campaign, to keep the Tribal Members informed of the progress of the Peacemaking/ Probation Department.
5. We also have many internal programs, projects and plans that we are diligently working on with other tribal Departments.
6. Our quest for Volunteers continues.

On 9/17/08 will be the first anniversary of Odenaang Enjinoojimoying, Peacemaking/ Probation Department. There have been many changes in the past year, starting with the name and the logo of the Peacemaking/ Probation Department. We feel we have a more user friendly atmosphere, along with a new look of the offices. We've rewritten the Guidelines, (the policies and procedures) for Peacemaking. We've hired an exceptionally talented and capable employee, Austen Brauker.

Austen was hired for the position of Peacemaking/ Probation Assistant. Austen has worked in developing programs and has helped in developing grants. We have contacted the schools to let them know what services we can provide and we are working on developing a new program entitled: Junior Peacemaking. We also have contacted many of the court systems within our nine county service area. Austen Brauker has started two youth prevention classes, a drum class and a Flute class.

We have put in place a process in which volunteer Peacemakers are accepted and trained. We have had a very good response from the tribal members and employees in the Manistee area. We are confident that Tribal members from the other 8 counties will be volunteering. The Peacemaking/ Probation Department is looking for volunteers to become Peacemakers.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of August the Peacemaking/ Probation Department held its first training seminar. Training is an important part of the service we provide. By educating our Peacemakers, they will have the tools to better service our membership.

One of the Programs that we had hoped to have up and running was the Elders Talking Circle. We have not had any responses. So we are opening the involvement to include adult Tribal members. The mission of the talking circle will remain the same.

#### TALKING CIRCLE

The Peacemaking/ Probation Department is looking for adults who wish to pass on their wisdom and life experiences. To give our youth and adults guidance, and help them understand that their actions affect all of us.

The Peacemaking Department would like to help with facilitating and getting a Tribal Talking Circle started. This talking Circle would be Volunteers that want to help other members of our community. This will be accomplished by sharing their experiences and their wisdom to provide guidance and offer recommendations. Participants will share their problems with the members of the talking circle and request suggestions or alternatives to solve the problem.

There are five (5) basic ground rules in a talking circle

1. Listen with respect,
2. Each person gets a chance to talk,
3. One person talks at a time, and no one cuts another off person.
4. Speak for yourself and not as the representative of any group.
5. It is Ok to disagree. But there is no name-calling or attacking someone.

There are other rules like: “What happens in the circle stays in the circle,” and the application of the Seven Grandfather Teachings would be employed. As the “Talking Circle” develops they can introduce other rules. The sole purpose

of developing rules is to create a safe, non-judgmental place to discuss issues, problems, or disputes.

#### Would You Like to Become a Volunteer Peacemaker?

If you live in, Kent, Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, or Ottawa Counties, and, have it within your heart to be a role model, to make a difference, and to assist in our youth in making better decisions, then you could become a Peacemaker. To be eligible, you need to be 21 years of age, be a federally recognized member of the Tribe, or an employee of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. You must not use or abuse drugs or alcohol. You should not be judgmental and avoid stereotyping.

Peacemakers are the ones who will conduct the peacemaking session. The Peacemakers will work with all parties to develop an “Agreement” to change behavior problems and to resolve conflicts in a traditional way.

If would like to be part of the Talking Circle or become a volunteer Peacemaker, please contact:

Pat Wilson at (231)398-2239,  
E-mail: [pwilson@lrboi.com](mailto:pwilson@lrboi.com) or

Austen Brauker at (231) 398-2240  
E-mail: [abrauker@lrboi.com](mailto:abrauker@lrboi.com)







# Peacemaking

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By Austen J. Brauker,  
Peacemaking/Probation Department.

It is an honor to know that our ancestors were riverine people, using the flowing waterways of the Mother Earth's veins to maintain their lives.

The rivers were used for transport, allowing the Odawa to be great leaders in commerce, experts in the matters of intertribal trade and to travel back and forth from their winter and summer camps. These flowing paths brought great bounty. Fish and game were drawn to the sacred waters. Their bodies were respectfully taken by the Anishinaabe to nourish their families. This natural food flowed through their veins, little rivers right within the people themselves. The spirit of the animals, when eaten, became alive again in the peoples blood as it streamed through every part of their bodies. In this way the forest creatures, the fish, the water, the air and the Anishinaabe people were able to be as one. They needed each other. There was created an interdependence, a web that networked all of the species as part of one bigger, living organism. All things were and are connected. At the core of this connection is our water. All living things are made up of water. Water comprises most of the physical body that makes us who we are. That is one reason that it is sacred.

Water is a very interesting element. It takes the shape of whatever solid thing that encounters it, making an equal and opposite impression of the surrounding matter. It fits itself to match the surface of whatever it encounters. It yields and conforms. Water becomes whatever it must. There is a lesson in the way that water is able to so readily adapt. It is a great strength and not at all a weakness. If you strike it, water flows back together as if unbroken. A tiny bit can split apart a gigantic rock if some is able to get inside, freeze and expand. Water flows across mountains and wears them down. Floods have covered the very land where we now live. Over time, rain drops will dimple the surface of the hardest stones and rust away the strongest steel to dust. There might even be water on Mars. Scientists call it the building block of life.

One aspect of water that is often overlooked is its ability to convey information. Water acts as a vessel for our thoughts by imprinting a copy of the

## "Go With the Flow"

energy that radiates from our bodies onto its surface. If you take a glass of water and pray, or even just think a thought toward it, the surface of the water molecule itself changes shape. If you think a good thought, the patterns on the water are soothing and symmetrical. If you think angry thoughts the surface of the water molecule becomes jagged and chaotic. Even more amazing, just by using a symbol or a word, writing it on a label and sticking that word to a glass of water, the molecules in the water will still change their shape. The surface of the water will change to be like whatever the word was that the glass was labeled with. This makes a person think about how much negative power that calling someone a bad name can have on the other person's physical body. Remember, we are made mostly from water. Water holds the energy that we send with thoughts, our intent, even the unspoken intent of written words. We should all think about this when we say harsh words, scold our children or say anything at all to any other human being. The good thing is that when we say *positive* things, the body water of the person who hears them is affected in a healing way. We have the power to harm or heal with each word and breath that we take. It is up to each of us to decide what we want to do, hurt or help. If you have ever taken part in an Anishinaabe water ceremony, now you might have a better idea of what they are doing when they are putting good prayers into the water. They are actually changing the very essence of the water. Holy water in a church works the same way, by the thoughts and blessings of the church leaders, they fill the water with their positive intent. We all have the power to do this.

This scientific research about water was first put forth by Masaru Emoto who took samples and tested them before and after prayer, before and after soothing music was played and before and after labeling glasses of water with simple words such as "Love" "Anger" "Happiness" and "Hate" Mr. Emoto discovered that water taken and tested from clean mountain streams or springs showed beautifully formed symmetrical designs in the crystalline patterns of the molecule. Polluted and

toxic water from factories and urban areas showed distorted and random, almost ugly looking, molecular structures. The most amazing part was that after the ugly water was prayed over, the water changed its molecular structure, altering its surface shape until the crystalline structure became uniformed, symmetrical and pleasing. How does this affect you? Remember, you are mostly made of water. Words and symbols have power to affect the deepest core of your being. Just like what goes into our bodies as food, what goes through our minds also shapes who we are, even on a physical level.

Let us try to surround ourselves with good words, pleasant thoughts and peaceful images. Try turning off the television and the video games. You will begin to feel better, to think for yourself. Get outside and breathe in the air. Relax. Send out good thoughts to your water and food before you eat or drink it. It sounds silly, but it works. Food cooked with love really does make a difference. Words spoken with love make a difference too. Think about how much power you might have when you get angry. Words can be weapons of war or they can be a healing medicine for peace - you decide.

I offer a special prayer to those who help heal the waters of the earth, those who pray for its cleansing, those who help to bring back the sacred sturgeon, those who thank the rain and especially those who walk and speak softly in their wisdom. As someone once said, blessed are the Peacemakers. Chi-Miigwetch. This is Austen J. Brauker, and I approved this message. Stay hydrated.



Water from FUJIWARA DAM, Before Prayer.



Water From FUJIWARA DAM,

After Receiving a Prayer



The Education Department reminds people that they need to submit completed applications for the various programs.

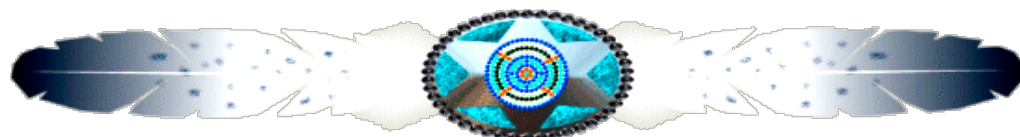
We have received quite a number of Higher Education Scholarship applications completed by college financial aid offices where the first page of the application- the student information- is missing. We cannot process your scholarship without the information provided in that portion of the application. If we don't receive that portion we also are not able to send your incomplete application back to you or to notify you by phone that we are missing important information. Your address and phone number are on the first page.

We also can't issue a check to your college without your identifying social security number. This number makes sure that the money that comes to the college in your name actually gets deposited in your account.

Since we are processing many applications, we put incomplete applications aside while we process those that are complete. Pulling your files and looking for your address and social security number and tribal ID number (because you didn't provide it in a completed application where it was asked for expressly) is not a priority when we have so many applications to go through. It slows down the processing of everyone else's applications.

Please, make sure that you complete all applications that you submit to any departments. Usually space is limited in applications, so the questions asked are to provide information that is vital. If we didn't require that information we wouldn't take up space to ask for it. If information is requested, it is because it is needed, and your attention to completing the application, and making sure that you include all the required information is necessary.

Please take your time to make sure that you have completed everything and that all required additional information is provided. This will speed things up for everyone. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FROM: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660  
Phone: (231)723-8288

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is requesting proposals from qualified companies in the following areas: Mat/Linen Rental Services, Bottled Water Supply & Service Providers, and Electric Repair & Services Providers.

CONTACT: Requests for bid packets should be directed to Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Supervisor, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at (231) 398-6804 or by emailing [mlucas@lrboi.com](mailto:mlucas@lrboi.com).

## Tribal Government Internships

Tribal Members interested in doing an internship with the L.R.B.O.I. Tribal Government Office please contact:  
Human Resource Director  
231-398-6706



## Health Commission Position

The Tribal Ogema is seeking Tribal Members interested in serving on the LRBOI Health Board. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema's office.

## Get to Scrapping INC.



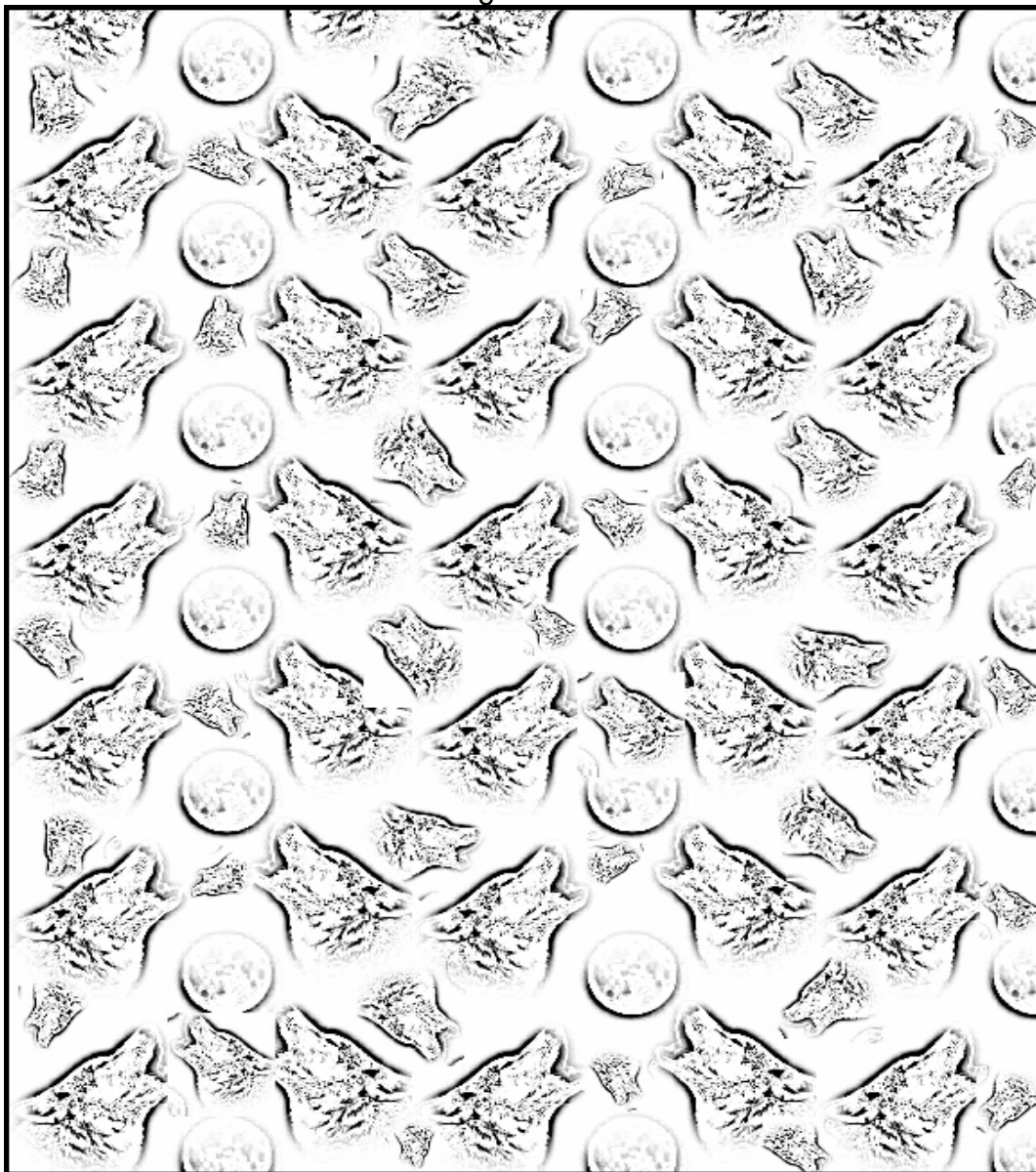
We take scrap metal  
"If there's money in it... We'll scrap it!"  
Arrangements can be made to

Call:  
John PaBami  
231-877-4242  
or  
Orlando Torres  
231-887-4134





How many howling wolves  
can you count?



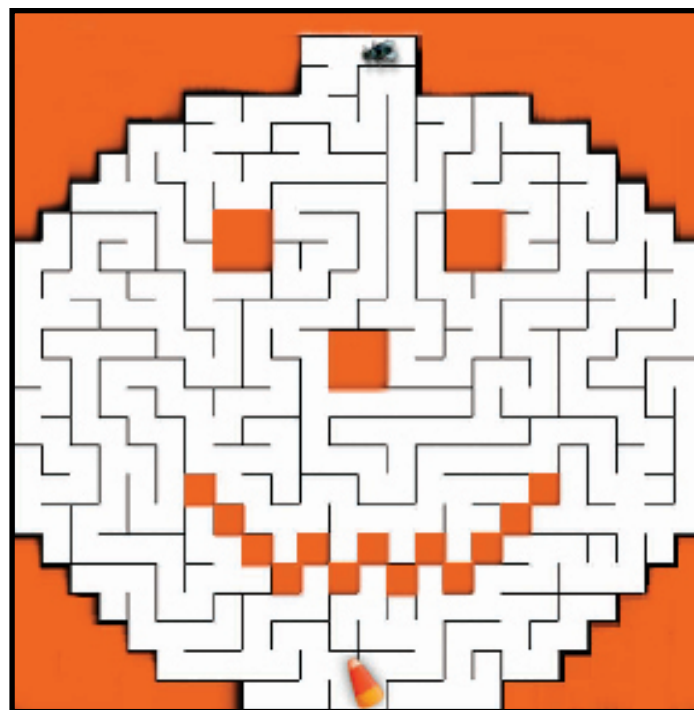
## The Wolf and the Crane

A Tachi Yokut Legend

The wolf constantly hunted, but never gave his wife and two boys any meat. Once in the morning He went hunting. Then his wife, the crane, ran off. He returned and found her gone. He followed her. He was angry and wanted to kill her. He saw her and tried to shoot her, but she was high up in the air. Slowly she settled and at last lit far off. Then he shot and hit her. He went to her.

With her bill she tried to stab him. He used an arrow to ward off her blows, and tried to stab her. Then she pierced his breast and knocked him down. She stabbed him again and again, until she killed him.

Then she went off with her boys. They turned into stars in the sky. She is in advance; her two boys are following her. They are called yibish, the three stars of Orion.



## My Young Woman's Ceremony



My Coming of age ceremony was August 16, 2008. It was Awesome!

I felt so loved and special. It was nice to visit with the women. They all offered such wonderful prayers.

I got to make a spirit plate by myself. The elders let me eat first. My woman name is "Growing Stronger Spirit Woman" my mom and grandmother prayed for the name gifted to me. Next year we will feast my name with berries.

Here is a poem I wrote for my ceremony:  
Woman

I am now a woman  
I am no longer a child  
I am now a woman  
I am now stronger then ever  
I am now a woman  
I now will play my part in my tribe  
I am just walking into a new woman and  
Remembering the past

Miigwetch to Martha Kase, Deb Davis, Dina kelsey and Georgianna Adameczak. It was an honor to have you participate in my ceremony.



# Members Health

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## Health Workers achieve goals

Tribal Health Director Jessica Burger announced this month that two of her staff members have achieved professional level certifications and/or licenses. The department and the entire tribe are very proud of them!

Jessica wrote, "CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTIAN KEQUAM-MERZ, BEDABIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR ACHIEVING HER PRACTICAL NURSING LICENSE! Christian worked diligently to be able to pass her classes and the State Board of Nursing examination; she is truly a model of what young Tribal members can become with a positive attitude, determination and hard work. I would like to personally thank the Ogema's office for his support of our department and Christian through this leg of her nursing education; it is an investment in the future of our Nation.

The Director also said, "CONGRATULATIONS TO KAREN STAR CHIEF, CLINIC OPERATIONS FOR ACHIEVING HER CERTIFICATION IN BILLING/CODING! Karen passed her certification test and has been admitted to the American Academy of Professional Coders. As a certified coding specialist, Karen demonstrates expertise immediately recognized among reimbursement agencies as accurate and appropriate for third party reimbursement consideration. Karen exemplifies the success any Native person can realize with a little sweat equity; you represent Little Traverse Bay Band well!"

## Healthy Cooking

The way a person cooks affects how much sugar, fat, and sodium they eat. Most recipes can be changed and still taste good. It may be easier to make these changes if they are done gradually. If you have a traditional or favorite food that you do not want to change, eat a smaller serving or eat it less often in order to cut down on the calories.

### Ways to use less sugar in cooking:

- Add less sugar or don't use sugar on fresh fruits.
- Add ½ to 1/3 of the sugar when baking and use unsweetened applesauce to replace the sugar.
- Use sugar substitute (check the food label on how to replace the sugar in the recipe) and sugar free products. Look for sugar free jello, puddings, syrup, jellies, and jams.

### Ways to use less fat in cooking:

- Add less fat or no fat by using a non-stick pan. Use cooking spray to coat cake pans, cookie sheets, and muffin tins. If fat is added, choose healthier oils such as canola or olive oil.
- Use low-fat and fat-free foods and get water packed canned fish.
- Instead of frying, bake, broil, steam, poach, or grill.
- Remove the fat by trimming from meat, draining and rinsing the fat after cooking.
- Eat wild game and fish which have fewer fats.

### Way to use less sodium in cooking:

- Do not add salt to cooking, use spices instead.
- Use less salted foods by using fresh foods.
- Rinse canned vegetables before heating and use less canned and

- packaged foods.
- Buy canned and packaged foods with reduced sodium.

## Foot and Nail Clinic

Foot and nail care is available by appointment in the Manistee Tribal Health Clinic and Muskegon office. Home visits are available to those who have difficulty with mobility or transportation. If you have any of the following issues, please call to schedule an appointment:

- Diabetics
- People with thickened, difficult to cut toenails
- People who have difficulty cutting their own toenails
- People with circulation or sensation problems

Contact Holly Davis R.N., M.S.N. Diabetic Educator/  
Community Health Nurse at 231-398-6610 to schedule your  
**free appointment**



## *Little River Casino Resort Look What's Rolling at the River*

### **Preference Employees at the Little River Casino Resort**

Little River Casino Resort welcomes the following New Hire preference employees for July and August 2008

- Michael Garrow – Administration/General Manager
- Rosemary Burmeister – Security/Security Level I
- Cynthia Drake – Security/Security Level I
- Peter Pete – Food and Beverage/Bus Person
- Frank Oliva – Facilities/Groundskeeper
- Chantel Gamelin – Hotel Housekeeping Attendant
- Diane Kerr – Facilities/Executive Administrative Assistant
- Loni LeBlanc – Food and Beverage/Willows Server
- James Menominee – Table Games/Dealer

### **Preference Employees at LRCR celebrating “Years of Service” Anniversaries in August and September 2008**

#### August 2008 Anniversaries

- Eileen Gibson – Gaming Operations/Table Games Manager – Nine Years
- William (Bill) Bottrell – Food & Beverage/Bartender – Five Years
- Roger Vriesman – Gaming Operations/Slot Performance Technician – Four Years
- Pamela Johnson – Marketing/Sales Coordinator – Three Years
- Carl Stone Jr. – Security/Security Level II – Three Years
- Anna Detz – Marketing/Sales Manager – Two Years
- Marsha Comeau – Gaming Operations/Slot Representative – One Year
- Amy Gilles – Security/Security Level I – One Year
- Teresa Wabsis – Security/Security Level I – One Year
- Elizabeth Detz – Facilities/Wardrobe Clerk – One Year
- Lora Bellant – Gaming Operations/Table Games Floor Shift Supervisor – One Year

#### September 2008 Anniversaries

- Timothy Chandler – Gaming Operations/Lead Slot Technician – Nine Years
- Charles Bravebull – Gaming Operations/Slot Performance Supervisor – Nine Years
- Michael Flippen – Facilities/Engineer – Three Years
- Donald Superczynski – Facilities/Groundskeeper – Three Years
- James DeVerney – Gaming Operations/Table Games Craps Dealer – Three Years
- Keeli Peterson – Hotel/Front Desk Clerk – Three Years
- Bonnie Yates – Hotel/Housekeeping – Three Years
- Sara Stone – Food and Beverage/Cook I – One Year

### **Educational Sponsored Internship Opportunities at the Little River Casino Resort**

We want to remind everyone about the Educational Sponsored Internship Program available at the Little River Casino Resort. This is an opportunity extended to preference members attending an accredited college or university needing to complete a required college/university sponsored internship. As a LRCR intern, you can expect to work on substantive projects, develop professional skills, and benefit from the personal attention of department leaders. There will be weekly meetings, training, and much more that will be mandatory for you to attend and participate in. For more information regarding Educational Internship opportunities, please contact Janine Gregorski, Recruiting Representative at 231-398-3852 or 888-568-2244.

### **JOBS AT LRCR**

To obtain Job Descriptions or to apply for positions at the Little River Casino Resort, please call 888-568-2244 and ask to speak to a Recruiting Representative. For up-to-date Job Postings, please visit our website at [lrcr.com](http://lrcr.com) and go to the employment section. You may also call HR toll-free at 888-568-2244 or call the Job Hotline at 800-806-4348. The website and hotline are updated as positions become available.

### *Tribal Member Highlight*



*Lacy Moore*

*Human Resources Representative I*

My name is Lacy Moore. My mother's name is Christine Moore, and my grandparents were Claude Moore and Alice Pete. I grew up in Luther, where I live today. I have two children, 5 and 6. I am attending Baker College to obtain my degree in the Human Service field. I will finish my Associates Degree this winter. I work at the casino in the Human Resource Department as an HR Representative. I enjoy working at the casino; the people are very friendly and outgoing. They are there to help you when you need it.

I just finished my second internship at Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health. I enjoyed working in this department. I learned how many people the tribe serves in our community. It is good that we have people who are willing to help others in a time of need. I think this is a great service for our tribe.

I recently have become involved in hunting and fishing, and I really enjoy it. I am looking forward to my first bear hunt. I really appreciate that the Natural Resource Department offers these activities for the Tribal members. These hunting experiences can be handed down to the next generation to show how we gather our food and make it a part of our everyday life.

# Members Advertisements

## Looking for a better job? Need help finding a job?

Please check the program descriptions at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)  
Department of Commerce  
Applications available on the  
LRBOI Website  
Or by calling 1-888-723-8288

Working to create opportunities  
for skill development and  
employment, to improve the  
general welfare of the Tribe and  
its citizens.

The Department of Commerce administers the  
**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM!**

The program includes:

- Internship for College Students-including wage or grant
- Employer Incentive Rebate Program
- Skill Development and Training Opportunities
- Career Assistance Voucher Program

The Department of Commerce  
has partnered with Area Agencies  
such as:

MI Works!

To ensuring that Members  
can access job seeker services  
where they live.

**L.R.B.O.I. Toll Free Job Hotline 1-866-556-5660**



### Attention Aki Maadizwin Lot Owners

Muschigon Construction, LLC is now available to construct your new Turn Key Home.  
Muschigon Construction offers a variety of pre drawn custom home plans. Let us help you through the whole construction process from pre planning to the final finish, including financial assistance. We can make building your new home a wonderful experience.  
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Iso: Information available on Section #184 Indian home loans.

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Manistee, Michigan  
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318 River Street  
Manistee, Michigan  
49660  
(231) 398-9448

Mon-Fri 7am to 2pm  
Sat 8am-2pm  
Sun 9am to 1pm  
(serving breakfast all day on Sun)

## Muschigon Construction Board Openings

The Tribal Ogema, Larry Romanelli, is seeking Tribal Members interested in serving on the Muschigon Construction Board. One of the vacancies requires 2 years of construction project management experience. There are currently two seats open on the board. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema's office.



Each of these pieces  
received 2nd Place  
Ribbons at the Santa  
Fe, New Mexico  
Indian Market.

Midnight War Pony

Shirley M. Brauker

Moon Bear Pottery and Indian Arts

She can be reached at

[moonbear@cbpu.com](mailto:moonbear@cbpu.com)

or you can visit her website

<http://www.cbpu.com/moonbear>

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Bears & Salmon





# “Patterns of Life – Our People, Our Journey”

*Binaakwe-Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)*

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*Currents*

## *History of the "History Book"*

In 1993 the Tribe had an ethno-historical report prepared by James McClurken and presented to Congress to provide the historic context of our status with the US Government. It became part of the record of our reaffirmation. Following reaffirmation, the Council began to develop the project to have the history of the Tribe published based on that report. The project, often called simply “the book”, had several starts and stalls.

The Tribe added to its research and information with other projects and never totally developed “the book” while never giving up on the project either. Thus the project sat and it seemed it would languish in the in-between status of not fully started and not given up. Then, in 2006 the Council committed to the book’s completion. The Historic Preservation Department was named as liaison to the author, James McClurken and point on point for the project. Volunteers were called forth to review the progress and assisted in the preparation of the work meeting weekends

and exchanging emails. Photos were sought and collected, sorted, chosen, captions prepared, discussed and revised with each of the drafts prepared.



“Patterns of Life – Our People, Our Journey” (no longer just “the book”) will be an estimated 250 page volume with over 200 photos that tells the story of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians from its first chapter When the Europeans Came (1615) until the closing chapter An Ancient Community, a New Century (as close to the

draft being submitted as possible).

On behalf of the author and the volunteers and with some happiness I report that the final draft has been submitted to MSU’s University Press. Yes, “the book” is going to print. A copy of the actual volume for final review is expected sometime in September (2008) and “the book” should be complete and ready for shipping in March of 2009.

It has always been the desire of the Council(s) to have the book sent to each citizen of the Tribe, free and that is the plan. Once the work is completed in March, copies will be sent to every citizen. (Additional copies will be for sale in various locations, you know the finer bookstores, etc.) The exact process will be announced as the date draws nearer, in this very newsletter and on the website. It is also currently planned to mail cards to everyone so we can be sure to have the proper address. So stay tuned for further announcements.



## *Your Vote is Very Valuable... Spend it Wisely!*

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Warrior Society Annual Feast  
November 8, 2008  
Noon to 3:00pm**

**Little River Band Community Center**

### **Agenda:**

**Prayer**

**Annual Feast**

**Reading of New Names on Memorial Stone**

**Review of New Warrior Bylaws**

**Election of New Officers**

Are you a veteran and want to join? Please bring your DD214 or Proof of Service and LRBOI Tribal ID Card.

For more information contact Al Medacco  
231-464-5052 or 231-690-3510



“Learn the issues, learn about the candidates and don’t just fall for baseless promises! See who actually does what they say and find out who they really represent.” This type of advice is something you hear all the time when elections roll around. This year it is still valid and it still is critical

as we approach Federal, State and Local elections on November 4<sup>th</sup> across the United States of America. Many people will be nice to you and say anything just to get your vote. Then they forget about you after they are elected. What do they really stand for and who do they really represent. You are responsible to find this out because your vote is valuable...it counts...and it is your responsibility to spend it wisely. Remember, the people you elect are there to represent your interests. When you choose this November consider this.... will I be proud of my choice around this time next year?



# Members Submissions

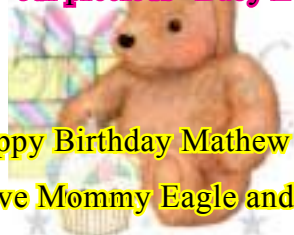
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Happy Birthday to Mike Ceplina.  
We love you - Melanie & kids  
(Happy Birthday to Kateri Ceplina -  
our precious "Baby Love")



Happy Birthday Mathew Sandel  
- Love Mommy Eagle and Hannah

Happy Birthday  
Yvonne Theodore  
Lost One ( Lorie King )  
Sandy Renner  
Deb Renner  
Cheyenne Renner  
Dale Mathews

For every special person...HAPPY  
BELATED BIRTHDAY JEANNIE  
GIBSON

AUGUST 17th

From someone who will always care!

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to Autumn Carter! Hope your day is filled  
with lots of love and fun!  
With love from your Godmother



Happy Birthday to Angela Carter - she is *Sweet 16* and ready to drive!  
Wishing you the very best!  
Love, Valerie



Kareen Lewis

Happy Birthday August 29th!

A True Friend is rare find

Someone that is always in your heart

One who is never far from the mind

Whose there for you from the start

Your presence in my life has made a great impression

One that will be with me for all time

And although I may not tell you as often as I would like

I am blessed to have you as a friend of mine

~Kansas~



## Happy Anniversary!



Henery and

Linda Hoover

Happy 47th Wedding Anniversary!

Love you both,

Larry, Michelle, Ariel, Julia, and Sam



Mr. Joseph Kelsey, age 71, passed away Tuesday, August 19, 2008 in Manistee, MI.

Mr. Kelsey was born July 20, 1937 to John and Nancy (Peters) Kelsey in Hart. Joe has been a resident of Muskegon since he married his beautiful wife, Carol Carey, in 1965.

Joe was a U.S. Air Force veteran, a member of the 4 Seasons Kateri Circle and a proud member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Joe was a full blood Indian with reservation status and one of the last fluent speakers of the Ottawa language.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; 2 wonderful children, Brenda (Bruce) and Joseph, Jr., grandchildren, Angela (John Mahoney) and Jessica; brothers, Gregory and Norbert (Yvonne); sisters, Lily (Luis) Rodriguez and Mary; many nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Alice and Elaine; and his brothers, Benedict and John, Jr.





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LLC.  
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Souvenirs  
90 Park Ave. #405  
Manistee, Michigan 49660  
231-887-4029  
All Regalia Supplies offered



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Compete for Prizes \$  
**Halloween Bash 08**  
**Thursday, Oct. 30th**  
**Tribal Community Center @ 6pm**  
\$ Compete for Prizes

Join us for some Halloween fun with other LRB families!

Costume Contest

Creepy Car Contest

Line up your cars around the community center  
and "spook them up"

Join us on the Trick or Treat Trail, bring  
some goodies to share with the little goblins who  
will be going car to car collecting them.

Sponsored by: Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of  
the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

The Purchasing Office is compiling a bidders  
list for future construction projects. We are  
particularly interested in hearing from Native  
Americans or preference companies.

If you are a Contractor and are interested in  
listing your business with the Tribe, please  
complete the form below and email to  
[mlucas@lrboi.com](mailto:mlucas@lrboi.com) or mail it to:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Attn: Purchasing Office  
375 River Street  
Manistee, MI 49660

## Attention Contractors

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell No: \_\_\_\_\_



# Currents

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## Employee Appreciation Day

Each year, Little River honors its employees with an Annual Employee Appreciation Day Picnic hosted by the Employee Recognition Committee and the Human Resources Department. On Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, Little River Casino Resort and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians welcomed an estimated 1350 employees and family members at the Manistee County Fair Grounds in Onkama.

It was a true family atmosphere and all of the employees and their families were invited to attend the day-long event. The picnic was held from noon until 8 pm, so that casino and government employees were able to attend before or after their scheduled shifts.

The Employee Recognition Committee is responsible for planning activities and selecting the employee gifts that are given to each employee, whether or not they are able to attend. The gift this year was a 30 Can Rolling Cooler. A Grand prize drawing for eight \$50 Gas cards was also held. The winners were Gary Connolly, Billie Fugere, Julie Kleinknight, James Miller, Susan Pruyne and Michol Tanner, all employees at the Casino, and Richard Cunningham and Stacy Jans, both employees of the Tribal Government.

This year's theme was Carnival. A Giant Slide, Elephant Rides, An Indy Race Track, Bungy Power Jump and the 30 foot rock

climbing wall were among the attractions featured, along with a Midway that contained 10 different games with prizes.

Other activities included Kiddie Moonwalk, a giant inflatable caterpillar that the smallest kids could crawl through, obstacle course, face painting, and Mr. Balloon. All of the rides and some of the activities were unlimited throughout the day so that everyone could enjoy them as often as they liked.

Another popular event this year was the annual Ultimate Golf Challenge. There were approximately 250 participants in the event that was held throughout the entire day. The men's player and the women's player with the best overall score won; Scott Lengerman and Jo Hall each won a gift certificate for \$175 each to Crystal Mountain.

The crew at the Bungalow Inn, serving 1332 people, handled the catering. A few vendors donated the beverages and snack items for everyone to enjoy throughout the day.

The casino has an Employee Care Committee that holds several fundraisers throughout the year to help the employees who are in need. They sold approximately 450 ice cream treats at the picnic.

The sun was shining, the day was warm and there were lots of fun and laughter!



### LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS TRADITIONAL JIINGTAMOK

Saturday, September 27, 2008  
Traditional Jiingtamok Grounds  
Osborne Road  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Grand Entry  
Saturday  
12:00 P.M.  
Dinner: 5:00 P.M.

A day of Dancing, Singing, Food, and Spending time  
with family and friends!

Public Welcome!!!!!!  
FREE Admission!!!!!!

Other pow-wow information contact Melissa Watrolik  
Phone \* (231) 343-1430 Email \* [acolyte@lbtboia-om.gov](mailto:acolyte@lbtboia-om.gov)  
ABSOLUTELY NO POLITICS, DRUGS, ALCOHOL, WEAPONS, OR PETS  
ALLOWED AT THIS EVENT.  
Not responsible for loss of property or accidents.